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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of its founding.

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Whereas, Richmond was originally founded by North Carolina Quakers John Smith and Jeremiah Cox who settled along the Whitewater River in 1806;

Whereas, John Smith opened the first general store south of present day Main Street, and Jeremiah Cox built the first grist mill on land north of present day Main Street;

Whereas, In 1818, Jeremiah Cox was convinced that a town would inevitably be at that site and joined John Smith to form a town;

Whereas, On September 1, 1818, 24 qualified voters of the settlement met and voted to incorporate the town, naming it Richmond;

Whereas, The National Road, now U.S. 40, was surveyed to Richmond in 1827;

Whereas, A covered bridge across the Whitewater River in the Whitewater Valley Gorge was completed in 1836, alleviating a barrier to westward expansion;

Whereas, Earlham College, which is recognized today as one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges, was established by the Society of Friends in 1847;

Whereas, The first locomotive entered Richmond in March



1853, and the rail line was extended in 1854 to reach New Castle and, eventually, Chicago;

Whereas, The first library was established in 1864 by one of the earliest merchants, Robert Morrison, at a cost of \$20,000;

Whereas, In 1881, Richmond became the "Rose City" when E.G. Hill and his father, Joseph, began a general floral catalogue business that eventually became one of the world's largest producers of roses;

Whereas, By the early 20th century, Richmond had grown steadily in size, accomplishment, and confidence;

Whereas, Products manufactured such as Starr pianos, a variety of motor vehicles, McGuire lawnmowers, Gennett recordings, and Hill roses found world markets;

Whereas, A tragic explosion in 1968, which took 41 lives and did \$15,000,000 in damages, brought determined city leaders, merchants, and citizens together to create a new sense of community and a new downtown;

Whereas, Richmond is considered the Eastern Gateway of Indiana and, because of its ideal location along Interstate 70 on the border of Indiana and Ohio, has continued to offer its residents many great cultural, educational, and economic opportunities; and

Whereas, The residents of Richmond should be extremely proud of their city, which has continued to grow and develop into a world class community as it sets an example for cities throughout the United State of America: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the
- 2 residents of Richmond on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the
- 3 city's founding.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



- 1 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Mayor Sally
- 2 Hutton.

